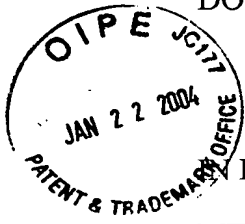


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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Comments** begin on page 9 of this paper.